



Rule Up For Filing

Proposed Amendment to
Amended Section WAC 230-02-205
Gambling service supplier defined.

ITEM 18 (a) on the September 10, 2004, Commission Meeting Agenda. Statutory Authority 9.46.070

Who proposed the rule change?

Monty Harmon, Harmon Consulting, Inc.

Why is this rule change needed?

Monty Harmon has submitted a Petition for Rule Change to amend WAC 230-02-205. This rule defines what gambling related services would require a person to obtain a licensee. This rule requires persons or businesses that loan money to more than one licensee to hold a service supplier license. The rule also exempts banks and credit unions that are regulated by the Department of Financial Institutions or any federally regulated commercial lending institution from licensure by the Commission.

Mr. Harmon has said in conversations with staff that his amendment is intended to exempt certain persons in an ownership structure from licensure as a service supplier. After an initial review of the proposed language, staff does not feel Mr. Harmon's language accomplishes his intentions and may unintentionally exempt other individuals from licensure. The Agency Rules Team is collecting comments from staff and will provide a recommendation at the October Commission meeting.

Attached:

Memo dated September 1, 2004, to the Commission regarding their options for handling the Petition.

Petition for Rule Change

Proposed amendment to WAC 230-02-205

Letter to Mr. Harmon informing him of the September 2004, Commission meeting.

Statements against the proposed rule change.

None at this time.

Which licensees will be directly impacted?

Persons loaning money to licensees.

What are the potential impacts to the agency?

Unknown.

Staff recommendation.

File for further discussion. Staff will provide a recommendation at the October meeting.